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SUMMARY: FRG-USSR TALKS ON EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES
WILL MOST LIKELY BEGIN EARLY OCTOBER WITH ACTUAL EXCHANGE
EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT TURN OF YEAR. IN DISCUSSION
WITH EMBOFFS, FONOFF LEGAL OFFICER AGAIN CONFIRMED THAT
ATTACHES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SAME BASIC OPERATING
RESTRICTIONS AS MLM'S AND ASKED FOR US SUGGESTIONS RE
PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE. ACTION
REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S AND EMB MOSCOW'S COMMENTS RE
LEGAL OFFICER'S REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

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1. USSR COUNTRY DIRECTOR IN FONOFF RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF
THAT FRG-USSR TALKS ON EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES

WOULD BEGIN EARLY OCTOBER BUT THAT FRG WAS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH WAYS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS COULD BEST BE IMPLEMENTED. ATTACHES WERE EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS NO EARLIER THAN TURN OF YEAR.

2. FONOFF LEGAL OFFICER (RUMPF) TASKED WITH STUDYING SITUATION AND DEVELOPING GROUND RULES SUBSEQUENTLY INVITED EMBOFFS TO MEET WITH HIM FOR EXPOSITION OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AS SEEN BY FRG. AT MEETING, RUMPF CONFIRMED FRG IN BASIC AGREEMENT THAT ATTACHES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SAME OPERATING AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS (BANNED FROM PERMANENT RESTRICTED AREAS AND TEMPORARY RESTRICTED AREAS) AS SMLM. SOME MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE NEEDED, HOWEVER, SUCH AS FINDING A WAY TO PERMIT SOVIET ATTACHES TO RESIDE IN BONN-BAD GODESBERG AREA-- WHICH LIES WITHIN A BRITISH PERMANENT RESTRICTED AREA. LEGAL OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT FRG WOULD ALSO INSIST ON RECIPROCITY WITH MOSCOW IN LIMITING ATTACHE TRAVEL.

2. LEGAL OFFICER SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM IN MAKING HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IF HE COULD DRAW ON EXPERIENCE OF US IN DEALING WITH SOVIET ATTACHES IN WASHINGTON AND OF OUR ATTACHES IN MOSCOW. FOR EXAMPLE, RUMPF INDICATED UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER SOVIETS SHOULD BE GIVEN MAP WITH RESTRICTED AREAS MARKED OR IF NO FORMALIZATION OF THESE AREAS BUT A REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIFIC PERMISSION FOR EACH TRIP OUTSIDE BONN AREA WOULD BE PREFERABLE. ANOTHER QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION IS DEFINITION OF THREE POWER ROLE IN EVENT OF VIOLATION BY SOVIETS AND POSSIBLE APPREHENSION IN ALLIED RESTRICTED AREA.
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